



Axminster Community Primary Academy Newsletter

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This Week

This week has been action-packed! Our Design & Technology days were a huge success! Pupils enjoyed making delicious fruit salads and designing chairs for Baby Bear, sparking creativity and practical skills across the school.

It's been a week filled with productions! Our Year 5 and 6 pupils were thrilled to be invited to Axe Valley to watch a live performance of Aladdin. It was a wonderful experience to enjoy live theatre and we extend our thanks to Axe Valley for this special opportunity. On Wednesday, we showcased incredible singing and acting from our Year 3, 4, and 5 pupils. This was a fantastic opportunity for our children to develop their confidence and oracy skills in front of a live audience – well done to all involved!

Congratulations to Red Team for earning the most house points this term! As a reward, they will enjoy a non-school uniform day on Monday 20th April, the first day back after Easter.

We are delighted to announce that, thanks to a generous £8,000 donation from our PTFA, we have just taken delivery of 80 new Chromebooks! This significant boost in technology resources is already making a positive impact on our pupils' learning experiences.

Mr Tubbs has been hard at work enhancing our play opportunities. Thanks to your kind OPAL donations, we now have refreshed the dinosaur area, we have exciting new tyres to climb, a mud pit, and our beach sandpit will be ready for the children when they return after Easter. We look forward to sharing lots of pictures with you soon.

We ended the term with a wonderful Easter service at church. Thank you to everyone who supported us by walking with the children and joining the service – it was a meaningful way to conclude the term.

On behalf of the whole staff team we would like to wish all our families a restful and joyful Easter break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 20th April.

1st Week Back

Breakfast Club and After School Stay and Play club run daily

- **MUST BE PREBOOKED AND PAID FOR BEFORE THE DAY**

Monday

Red House - Non school uniform
Year 5 Booster group

Tuesday

Wednesday

Swimming starts - Foxes and Y5/6 catch up
Year 6 Booster group

Thursday

Guitar
Year 6 Booster group
NO VIOLIN UNTIL 30/4/26

Friday

Otters Cake Sale

SPRING BINGO - Children Reception and over welcome if they sit with their adults and join in the Bingo

This Year's Whole School Attendance

94.3%

Winning Year Group

Year 5 97.1%

Attendance Matters



Our Core Value this half term is:

Integrity

Our Learning this Week...

Little Acorns

This week at Little Acorns, we've been getting creative with our Easter crafts! The children have had so much fun making chicks and Easter bunnies, and we've loved seeing their imagination shine. When we return, our new topic will be "Roots, Shoots and Muddy Boots." The children will be learning all about plants, life cycles, and insects, including where they live. If any parents have seeds they would like to donate for planting activities, it would be greatly appreciated.



Robins and Starlings

Robins and Starlings have had a fantastic week full of fun and learning! In DT, the children enjoyed making their own fruit salads, practising their cutting skills and talking about healthy choices. During soft start, we've seen some brilliant teamwork as the children used magnetic tiles to build impressive castles.

We've also been busy with lots of Easter continuous provision both inside and outside, exploring, creating and getting into the Easter spirit ready for the upcoming holidays.

Hedgehogs and Squirrels

Year 1/2 have loved our DT day this week. We have investigated materials, planned, created and evaluated chairs that we have made for a bear. Check out our creations!

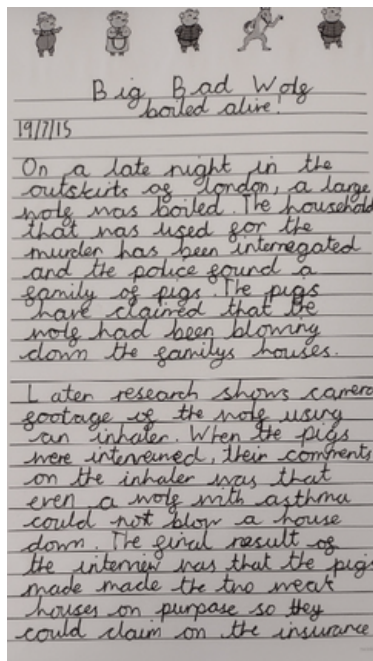


Foxes, Otters and Badgers

Badgers, Foxes and Otters Classes have wowed us all with their beautiful production of The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse. Performing three times this week, every single show was full of heart, creativity and confidence. We are so proud of every student for their dedication — from learning songs and mastering dances to delivering their lines so brilliantly. A special well done to those who took on lead roles and solos — you truly shone on stage! A huge thank you to our wonderful parents and carers for your support in helping to create such fantastic costumes — it made the performances even more magical. What a team effort and what a memorable production!

Eagles and Hawks

Year 5 and 6 started the week by watching a fabulous production of Aladdin at Axe Valley Academy. They were fully entertained by the talented actors and singers of the secondary school - thank you for inviting us! The end of term has finished with some wonderful journalistic reports on the traditional tale of the 'Three Little Pigs'. We had a huge discussion on whether the Three Little Pigs were guilty of murder or not. Read on to see what the enthusiastic children reported.





The Year Ahead

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2025/26 PLANNER

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 4th - Children return to school
 Wednesday 10th - Coffee with the Head in the hall 9am
 Wednesday 10th - Meet the Teacher 3.30-4
 Tuesday 16th SEND Coffee Morning Hall 9am
 Wednesday 17th - Phonics workshop in the hall 3pm
 Thursday 18th - SEND PLP meetings (hall)
 Wednesday 24th - Maths workshop in the hall 3pm
 Friday 26th - Harvest Festival 9am
 Sponsored obstacle course

OCTOBER

Wednesday 1st: Film night :3.30 - 5.30pm
 Tuesday 7th / Thursday 9th- Parents Evening 4-6pm
 Friday 10th - Hello Yellow day - wear yellow accessories with uniform
 Monday - Friday 13- 17th - Bikeability
 Wednesday 15th - PTFA AGM
 Thursday 23rd - Disco
 Friday 24th - INSET school closed
 Monday 27th Friday 31st Oct - Half Term

NOVEMBER

Monday 3rd - Children return to school
 Monday 10th - Odd socks day - wear odd socks to school today
 Tuesday 11th - Armistice Service
 Thursday 13th - Individual Photos
 Friday 14th - Children in Need non uniform day - wear spots
 Friday 21st -Flu Vaccinations
 Friday 28th -Non-School Uniform Day and Decorate for Christmas 3.30pm (bring children to join in the fun!)

DECEMBER

Monday 1st / Tuesday 2nd / Wednesday 3rd - Christmas Craft
 Tuesday 9th - Little Acorns Nativity 2.45pm
 Wednesday 10th - Reception Nativity 2.45pm
 Tuesday 16th - KS1 Christmas Show 2.15pm and 5pm
 Wednesday 17th - Christmas Lunch and KS2 Carols Around the Tree 3pm
 Thursday 18th - Christmas Story Telling - Early Years + KS1 am / KS2 pm
 Friday 19th - Christmas Service 9.30am
 Monday 22nd - Friday 2nd Jan - Christmas Holidays

JANUARY

Tuesday 6th - Children return to school
 Tuesday 13th - SEND PLP meetings (hall)
 Friday 16th - Winter Bingo 5.30-8pm
 Wednesday 21st - Film Night - 3.30 - 5.30pm
 Friday 23rd - M and M Pantomime
 Wednesday 28th - KS2 Spring Concert 2.30pm

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th - Parents Evening 4-6pm
 Tuesday 10th - Safer Internet Day
 Wednesday 11th - Disco
 Friday 13th - Non-Uniform Day
 Monday 16th - Friday 20th - Half Term
 Monday 23rd - Children return to school

MARCH

Thursday 5th - World Book Day
 Monday 9th / Tuesday 10th - Mothers Day Crafts
 Monday 23rd - Sponsored Run
 Friday 27th - Spring Bingo 5.30 - 8pm

APRIL

Wednesday 1st - Y3/4 Show 2pm and 5pm
 Thursday 2nd - Easter Service
 Friday 3rd - Friday 17th April - Easter Holidays
 Monday 20th April - Children return to school

MAY

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday - school closed
 Monday 11th - Thursday 14th - Y6 SATS
 Wednesday 20th - Disco
 Friday 22nd - Non School Uniform Day
 Monday 25th - Friday 29th - Half Term

JUNE

Monday 1st - INSET day
 Tuesday 2nd - Children return to school
 Monday 8th/ Tuesday 9th - Fathers Day Crafts
 Thursday 18th - Sports Day (reserve date - Thursday 25th)
 Tuesday 23rd - Y5 STEM day at Axe Valley
 Wednesday 24th - Class photos
 Friday 26th - Y6 Fiver Challenge

JULY

Wednesday 1st - Axe Valley Transition Day Y6
 Axminster Transition Morning - whole school
 Thursday 16th - Y5/6 Show 2pm and 5pm
 Tuesday 21st - Leavers Service
 Wednesday 22nd - Whole school Awards Service

We will endeavour to keep all dates as scheduled, but please note there may be changes if necessary, i.e. if events rely upon good weather. We will alert you to this as early as possible if any alterations are required.

Safeguarding Information



Mrs Hulbert
DSL



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Deputy DSL

Our safeguarding and child protection information, including our policy, can be found [here](#) on our website.

School Noticeboard

Stay and Play After School Club

We are now booking spaces for After School Stay & Play via the Clubs section of your ParentPay account for children in Reception - Year 6, or by speaking to Nursery staff for Little Acorns. Places MUST be booked and paid for online. If you are not registered for these clubs please email the office to arrange this.

These are limited and are offered on a first come, first served basis.

School Lunches

Please make sure you have booked your child's lunches via ParentPay by Thursday evening each week, even if your child is in KS1. Meal choices cannot be guaranteed if they are not booked in advance

Lost Property

Please have a look at the lost property in the boxes at the front of school. We would love to reunite people with their things. Please could you check that your children's things are labelled with a permanent marker or label so that we can return things easily.



Events

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